ASCS Today

Leaf demand termed moderate

By Tom Conrad

FIRE-CURED TOBACCO SALES INFORMATION - A moderate demand was shown on opening week sales of the 1982 Virginia fire-cured tobacco crop, reports the Federal-State Market News Service. Both grade prices and quality were down from last season, with loan receipts up sharply. Volume was heavy.

	Week Ending Nov. 24, 1982		Week Ending Nov. 25, 1981	
Market	Pounds	Average	Pounds	Average
Blackstone	234,756	$117.87	249,350	$138.81
Farmville	287,122	124.04	250,344	131.47
Lynchburg	333,400	131.08	319,994	134.16
Total	855,278	$125.09	819,688	$134.75

The weekly average of $125.09 was down $9.66 from opening week last season.

Grade averages were lower than opening week last season in nearly two-thirds of the cases. Losses were centered on lower quality grades of thin leaf, along with lugs and nondescript. Declines were mainly $7 to $18 per hundred pounds. The only consistent gains were recorded on better quality heavy leaf tobacco which was up $4 to $8 per hundred.

Quality was down as more tobacco graded nondescript, wet, or unsound this week with less thin leaf and lugs. Percentages by groups were: heavy leaf 26; thin leaf 42; lugs 16; nondescript 11; others totaled 5 percent. About 25 percent of sales was considered good quality or better with 38 percent fair and 22 percent low quality. Medium brown color (47 percent) dominated sales followed by mixed (20 percent) and green (8 percent).

The Dark Tobacco Sales Cooperative took in 71,481 pounds for the week of 8.4 percent of gross sales. The first week last season, 16,916 pounds or 2.0 percent was placed under loan. Support prices for 1982 are based on an average of $1.188 per pound, 7 percent higher than the 1981 level of $1.11 per pound. From these rates, the Cooperative deducted 4 cents to help cover overhead costs. As a condition of price support eligibility, producers must agree to contribute 2 cents per pound on tobacco marketed to a "no net cost tobacco account".

Production of Virginia fire-cured tobacco for 1982 was estimated at 5,520,000 pounds by the Crop Reporting Board in their August release. No individual figures have been available since. Producers' sales in 1981 totaled 5.1 million pounds. Total fire-cured production in the United States was set at 46,550,000 pounds compared to 1981 sales of 37.4 million pounds.

Marketing regulations limit weekly sales to 900,000 pounds, plus up to 5 percent for resales. Auctions are held three days each week (normally Tuesday-Thursday), with each market operating only two of the three days. The USDA announced November 5 that Virginia sun-cured tobacco would receive inspection and price support services only when sold at the designated auction market in Richmond, Virginia. Previously, Type 37 tobacco was officially graded on the three fire-cured markets. Markets will close for the holidays after sales on December 16, and plan to reopen January 18.

ELECTIONS - On November 26 all known eligible voters were mailed a letter and a ballot so that they could vote in this year's elections. Voters are asked to take some time to vote in the elections. You will be voting for those persons you wish to see represent you through the administration of ASCS programs. All ballots must be returned or postmarked by December 6 to be valid. Also, the certification on the back of the return envelope must be signed in order for the vote to be counted.

If you haven't received a ballot and feel you are an eligible voter, you are urged to contact the ASCS office so that the matter can be taken care of.

Deadline approaches

December 6 is the last day for submitting an application for a Philip Morris Agricultural Leadership Program Fellowship

Philip Morris has made $10,000 available for each of 25 fellowships, of which 3 are allotted to Virginia. Any active flue-cured tobacco farmer between 25 and 45 years of age is eligible to apply.

The application forms may be obtained form your local Extension Service Office.

Welfare program altered

The State Board of Social Services, on Thursday, Nov. 18, 1982, acted to make residents of subsidized housing, whose heating energy costs are not included in their rent, eligible for benefits in the fuel assistance program if they meet other eligibility requirements. This action was taken by the Board at its monthly meeting held in Roanoke.

The fuel assistance program, which is designed to assist households in their fuel needs, uses a number of factors to determine eligibility. These factors include geographic location in the state, size of household, total income, and energy source.

Anyone wishing additional information about the program can call the Virginia Department of Social Services, toll-free, at 1-800-552-3431 during normal business hours.

DURING AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK, many activities were planned at Appomattox Primary School to commemorate the week. One of these activities was a play called "Get Lost in a Book" given by Mrs. Linda Ruhl's second grade class. In the play, the main character, Betsy, turned herself into a book with the use of a computer. Later, she found out that the slogan for Book Week, "Get Lost in a Book", really meant that we should all read more for pleasure, and enjoy reading as a hobby. It seems that we can all benefit from this thought.

Cheese hand-out set

The Appomattox County Department of Social Services will distribute government surplus cheese and butter on December 9 from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. and again on December 10 from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

The distribution site will be the parking lot behind the Memorial United Methodist Church on the corner of Court Street and Virginia Avenue.

Recipients of food stamps, Aid to Dependent Children, Medicaid Supplemental Security Income checks and Social Security Disability checks will be eligible for surplus food.

The food will be distributed on a first come, first served basis.

Each recipient must supply proof of identification such as a driver's license, Social Security card or birth certificate. In addition, each recipient must bring their food stamp letter, food stamp I.D. card, Medicaid care or Social Security claim letter to prove their program eligibility.

Call 352-7125 and ask for Randy Williams if you have questions.

Deaths

Sandi R. Baldwin

Mr. and Mrs. Twyman Baldwin have received word of the death of Mrs. Sandi Ressler Baldwin of Mondan, N. D.. She died on Nov. 27 in Bismark Hospital, Bismark, N. D.

She is survived by two daughters, Terri Sue and Keri Ann Baldwin of Mondan.

Funeral services were held at Temple Baptist Church on Nov. 30 by the Rev. John Miller.

Reba Hudson Bruce

Reba Hudson Bruce, 61, died Monday evening, Nov. 22 at her residence on Route 1. She was the widow of Emile T. Bruce.

She was born in Charlotte County, the daughter of the late Milton Lee and Lennis Cruite Hudson. She was a member of Evergreen Baptist Church.

She is survived by a son, Milton T. Bruce of Slidell, La.; two daughters, Mrs. Bonny B. Thomas of Appomattox and Mrs. Emilia B. Racer of Lynchburg and two grandchildren, William Christopher Thomas and Brandy Lee Thomas.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m. Wednesday from Robinson Funeral Home, Appomattox by the Revs. Edmond M. terry and Virgil Hudson. Burial was in the Evergreen Cemetery.

Robinson Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Eva Irene Mayberry Jordan

Eva Irene Mayberry Jordan, 87, of 127 Cora Lee Road, Lynchburg, died at 8:10 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 27, at her home.

She was the wife of Samuel Lee Jordan. Born in Appomatox County, she was a daughter of the late William D. Mayberry and Frances Page Mayberry. She wa a member of Marsh Memorial United Methodist Church.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by six sons, Guy Jordan, Perry Jordan, Jasper P. Jordan and Elmer C. Jordan, all of Lynchburg, William C. Jordan, Forest and Cecil E. (Buddy) Jordan, Sr., Evington; four daughters, Mrs. Marion Smith, Forest, and Mrs. Inez Cox, Mrs. Lucile Mitchell and Mrs Margaret caldwell all of Lynchburg; 35 grandchildren, 57 great grandchildren, and three great-great grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at 1 p.m. Tuesday in Whitten Timberlake Chapel byu the

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Ferguson, Clay marry

The marriage of Miss Sandra Kay Ferguson to Jeffrey Clay Ross took place on Friday evening, November 26, at eight o'clock in the Liberty Baptist Church.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Thomas Ferguson of Appomattox, and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ross of Goode.

The Rev. Edmond M. Terry, pastor of Evergreen Baptist Church in Evergreen, officiated at the double ring ceremony before an altar of palms and candles.

A program of nuptial music was presented by Mr. and Mrs. Joe Vaughan, soloists, accompanied by Mrs. J. Franklin Vaughan, organist.

The bride, escorted and given in marriage by her father, wore a gown fashioned of white knit chiffon. The bodice had a high neckline trimmed with Venice lace and a V-yoke ruffle of Wedgewood lace finished with full sheer knit chiffon sleeves gathered at the cuffs with Wedgewood lace. The full floor length skirt of knit chiffon had panels of pleated chantilly lace. The ruffled hemline of Wedgewood lace extended into a chapel length train. Her elbow length veil was of matching Venice lace and trimmed with chantilly lace.

The bride carried a bouquet of white rosebuds, stephanotis, baby's breath and cedar.

Miss Gloria Ann Ferguson of Appomattox, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. She wore a gown of wine jersey with a sheer V-neckline trimmed with Venice lace at the collar and accenting the V-cut. A drape of Chiffon attached to the bottom of the V extended over the arms and flowed down past the waistline. She carried a candle bouquet of pink and white carnations and cedar.

Bridesmaids were Mrs. Rita Marshall, of Appomattox, sister of the bride, and Mrs. Paula Ferguson, of Lexington, North Carolina, sister-in-law of the bride. Their dresses were identical to that of the honor attendant and they carried candle bouquets of pink and white carnations and cedar.

Mrs. Jeffrey Clay Ross

Photo by Joe Vaughan

Mr. Henry Ross of Goode, father of the groom, was best man. Ushers were Mr. Hank Ross of Pennington Gap, brother of the groom, and Eric Almond, of Lynchburg, cousin of the bride.

For her daughter's wedding, Mrs. Ferguson chose a gown of soft pink knitted chiffon.

Mrs. Ross, mother of the groom, elected a gown of oriental blue.

Mrs. George Franklin of Appomattox was mistress of ceremonies and Mrs. Alma Almond, of Evington and Mrs. Edith McCormick, of Spout Spring, were in charge of the reception.

Attending the guest registers were Miss Linda St. John, of Spout Spring, and Miss Holly Parker, of Amherst.

Following the ceremony, the parents of the bride entertained with a reception in the church fellowship hall.

For her going-away outfit, the bride chose a cream colored tweed suit and wore a corsage of white roses.

The bride is a graduate of Appomattox County High School and is employed by First Colony Life Insurance Company in Lynchburg. The bridegroom was graduated from Lynchburg College and is employed by Virginia Episcopal School in Lynchburg.

Following a brief wedding trip the couple will reside in Lynchburg.

4-H News

Walton's 4-H Club

Mrs. Walton's 5th Grade 4-H Club had a meeting on Nov. 11. Shana Harvey opened the meeting. Tisha Wooten led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Reggie Turner led us in the 4-H Pledge. Dean Thompson led us in a game and song. Then Sonya Doss, the secretary read the minutes of the last meeting. The old business was people who weren't at the last meeting when we chose our projects, chose their projects. Mr. Sweet handed out our projects from last year that had been judged. We also talked about 4-H Share-The-Fun and we got forms to fill out if we are going to be in the contest. The new business was when 4-H camp is going to be and about pine seedlings. We got forms about the pine seedlings. The program of the month was a slide show on Opportunities in 4-H. Then Mr. Sweet told the announcements.

Shana Harvey adjourned the meeting.

Sharon Jackson
Reporter

4-H News

By Michelle Baldwin
Reporter

Mrs.Bryan's 4-H Club (6th grade) held its regular monthly meeting in October. First we said the pledge to the American flag and then to the 4-H flag. The recreation leaders Brian Dickerson and Clyde Mayberry led us in some songs and games. Debbie Richardson then read the minutes of the last 4-H meeting. Mr. Sweet took up last years 4-H projects. he passed out a sheet of paper concerning tickets to be sold for the 4-H swimming pool and other facilities at Holiday Lake 4-H Educational Center.

We picked 4-H projects for the coming year. Mr. Sweet told us about "Share The Fun" which will be on November 29 - December 3. We saw slides on Share-The-Fun.

The meeting was then adjourned.

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Tickets available from any ACHS Chorale member or at both branches of the Farmers National Bank. Reservations may be made by calling 352-5336 or 352-7146. Seating is limited, so make your reservations early!

Miss Nash to marry

Mr. and Mrs. David S. Nash of Appomattox are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Jeanne Marie, to Mr. James Gordon Amos, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel W. Amos, Sr. of Dillwyn.

Miss Nash is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hunter S. Nash of Spout Spring and Mrs. Dora. S. DeJarnette of Appomattox and the late Evan E. DeJarnette.

Mr. Amos is the grandson of Mrs. Alma M. Amos of Dillwyn and the late Samuel G. Amos and Mrs. Donna S. Mottley of Prospect and the late Edward E. Mottley, Sr.

Miss Nash is a graduate of Virginia Commonwealth University with a degree in Accounting. She is presently employed with the Auditor of Public Accounts.

Mr. Amos is a graduate of Old Dominion University with a degree in Civil Engineering. He is currently employed as a Design Engineer with the City of Lynchburg.

Miss Jeanne Marie Nash

Personal Notes

Mrs. Lucille Harvey is a patient in the Northern Virginia Doctors' Hospital in Arlington where she has been undergoing treatment for the past several weeks.

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Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Layne, Jr. are spending a few days in Williamsburg.

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Mr. and Mrs. Billy Johnston of Vienna, Va., and Miss Tracy Johnston of V.P.I., spent the Thanksgiving holidays with Mrs. Sue Johnston of Route 4, Appomattox.

Christmas dance scheduled

There will be a Christmas dance at Falling River Country Club on Friday evening, Dec. 3, from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m. for members and invited guests. Admission charge will be $10.00 per couple.

Music for the dance will be provided by the "Silver Steels."

Dance goes over well

The Xi Gamma Tau Sorority "Harvest Dance" was a complete success, according to Janice McCormick, Sorority President.

More than 300 party-goers enjoyed the music of "Southern Comfort". The Lynchburg group entertained with Country and Western style music throughout the evening. The highlight of the evening was the square-dance, expertly called by a member of the band. Approximately one hundred couples participated.

At midnight, the intermission provided an opportunity for Ron Spiggle, mayor of Appomattox, to introduce the members of Xi Gamma Tau, and to draw the winning ticket for the door prize. The "Basket of Cheer" prize was won by Dennis Jamerson.

Proceeds from the dance will be used by the sorority to finance their various charitable works in Appomattox and Buckingham counties.

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